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Should Kill This Bill.

The lower house of the legislature has, we believe, made a big mistake in passing a 2-cent railroad mileage bill, and we hope the senate will kill the bill when it comes before that body. There is no public demand for such law, so far as we can learn, and if the question were submitted to the people, the proposed cut rate doubtless would fail. The railroads in this section of the country make little if anything on the passenger business and cannot operate their trains at a profit at the reduced mileage rate. Should the 2-cent rate become effective the railroads will be forced to cut expenses and this will probably be done by operating fewer trains, a move which we imagine would not be relished by the public. The average South Carolina town has no better railroad facilities at present than is needed. However, Governor Manning has the power to veto the bill, if the general assembly should be foolish enough to pass it, and we hope he will exercise this privilege.

Time is not far distant when the town of Fort Mill will have to make some repairs to the paving in Main street and the sooner this is done the less the expense. Trouble is the paving was not properly put down on the start and is showing the effects of wear.

If the quality of the stuff were fit, it would not be a bad idea to add a quantity of gum camphor and pass that unsalable dispensary liquor out to the citizens of the State.

It is to be hoped that President Wilson's "preparedness" trip into the West will be attended with more success than was Henry Ford's recent trip abroad.

Other things being considered, it is a little peculiar that none of the South Carolina legislators have thought of introducing the ten scriptural commandments.

It's a good time to burn the soot out of your chimney without danger of burning your house. Always something to be thankful for.

Don't knock your neighbor in business; take a hammer and knock a shingle off his house.

The Rock Hill Record is about the "outspokenest" newspaper we know of.

Fine weather—for ducks.

Fair weather is to be the portion of this section of the country for some weeks hence, according to every ground hog sign. Yesterday, you know, was the day for the ground hog's appearance and, as the weather was good for almost anything except making shadows, it is presumed that his Hogship will remain out and enjoy the balmy weather which is to follow.

Leap Year.

The custom which ordains that a woman may propose marriage to a man in leap year dates back seven or eight hundred years. An act of the Scottish Parliament passed about the year 1228, made it a crime punishable by a fine, for an unattached man to refuse to become the life partner of a woman who had the courage to "speak ye mon she liked!"

The custom in a milder form is referred to in a work published in 1606, entitled "Courtship, Love and Matrimony:

"Albeit it has now become a part of the common law in regard to social relations of life that as often as every bissextile year doth return, the ladys have the sole privilege during the time it continueth of making love unto the men, which they doe either by wordes or by lookes, as to them it seemeth proper, and, moreover, no man shall be entitled to the benefit of clergy who doth in any wise treat her proposal with slight or contumely."—From The People's Home Journal for February.

To The Voters of Ward Three.

The question having been raised as to whether a member of the City Council could legally serve as City Clerk and Treasurer, which pays a small salary and, at the same time receive a salary of nine dollars per annum for his services as alderman,

Mayor B. E. Patterson wrote to Thomas H. Peeples, attorney general, for an opinion in the matter, and in his reply he stated that it was unlawful and was prohibited by the State Constitution. And the acceptance of one office vacated the former office. Therefore, when I accepted the office of City Clerk and Treasurer, according to the ruling of the attorney general, my office as Alderman became vacant, and I take this opportunity to thank the voters of Ward 3 for their hearty support in the race for Alderman.

When I announced myself as a candidate for Alderman from Ward 3, I was not at that time an active candidate for the office of City Treasurer. But it has always been customary here for the last twenty-five years for the town council to elect one its members to the position of Treasurer. As there had never been any objection to it before I felt that I was as much entitled to make application as any one on the council.

Therefore, following the usual custom, I made application to the council for the Clerkship. At a special meeting of the council, my application along with two others from men who were not on the council, were read to the Board of Aldermen and on examination of the ballot it was found that I was unanimously elected as City Clerk and Treasurer for the year of 1916.

It seems that the Board of Aldermen had no kick coming as to my serving as City Treasurer, or they would have elected one of the other two who made application from the outside.

Therefore it can be seen at a glance that the question of me resigning from one office and holding on to the other was a matter which was not left to me, but the attorney general says when I accepted the office of City Treasurer my office as Alderman was made vacant.

And the council acted on the authority of the Attorney General in the matter, thus making it impossible for me to serve the people of Ward 3 as Alderman, but I shall serve the town of Fort Mill as City Clerk to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,
W. A. Roach,
City Treasurer.

(Advertisement.)

Baracas Elect Officers.

At the semi-annual election of the Baraca class of the Fort Mill Baptist church January 2, the following officers were elected to serve the first half of the year 1916:

President, B. L. Merritt; treasurer, H. D. Harkey; vice-president, P. L. Sneed; teacher, S. L. Meacham; secretary, W. L. Ferguson; assistant teacher, M. K. Moore; assistant secretary, W. A. Roach; press reporter, S. A. Lee.

The latest work of the class is

the organization of a men's prayer meeting to be held each Sunday afternoon for the benefit of all the men in town, regardless of denomination or inclination. Every man is invited to attend. The class is reported to be doing a good deal of charity work among the people who really need help. Committees have been appointed to look after the sick in town, wherever they are, and are instructed to give aid wherever they see fit.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Fort Mill on Thursday, March 2, 1916, to fill a vacancy on the board of alderman from Ward No. 3. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m.

Herbert Harris, J. Y. Starnes and C. A. Jones are hereby appointed managers of said election.

B. E. PATTERSON,
Mayor.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR 1916

Notice of Opening Books of Auditor for Listing Returns for Taxation.

State of South Carolina—County of York.

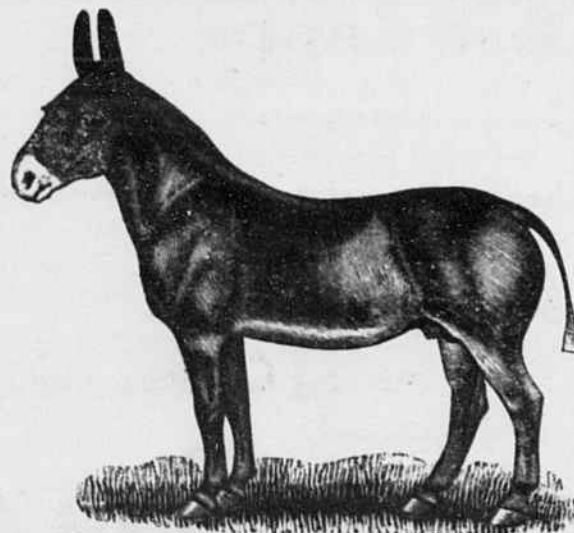
Auditor's Office, November 30, 1915. Pursuant to the requirement of the Statute on the subject, Notice is heregiven that my books will be opened in office in York Court House on Saturday, January 1, 1916, for the purpose of listing for taxation all Personal and Real Property held in York County, on January 1, 1916, and will be kept open until the 20th day of February, 1916, and for the convenience of the Taxpayers of the County I will be at the places enumerated below on the dates named:

At York, from Saturday, February 5, to February 20, 1916.

All males between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, except Confederate soldiers over the age of fifty years, are liable to a poll tax of \$1.00, and all persons so liable are especially requested to give the numbers of their respective school districts in making their returns.

BROADUS M. LOVE,
Auditor York County.

Old newspapers for sale at The Times office.



Need a Mule?

Our second shipment of Missouri Mules arrived several days ago and are ready for your inspection. In this lot are mules of all sizes and suitable for every purpose. Several closely mated teams and single mules of all sizes.

"Quick sales, short feed bills and a small per cent. for profit," is our motto. Come to see us.

Mills Livestock Co.

THE SAVINGS BANK OF FORT MILL, S.C.

Put your Money in safe Hands

The safest hands to handle your surplus earnings are those of the receiving teller in our savings bank. When the money has passed into his keeping it begins to earn interest for you. It is always secure and ready at your call and if you add a little to it each week, it will soon grow into a small fortune—later into a large one.

Savings Bank of Fort Mill

The Majestic Range Demonstration

Is now going on at our store, and THIS WEEK ONLY we are giving absolutely FREE with each Majestic Range sold an \$8 Set of Ware.

The children of Fort Mill tell you why you should have a Great Majestic in your kitchen.

The Winning Answer.

Fort Mill, S. C., February 1, 1916.

Majestic Range Salesman:

My mother does not use a range. Our neighbor Mrs. Bennett and also Mrs. Shell Patterson need ranges. The Majestic Range is the best range made and should be in every home. It lasts almost a life time and takes less fuel than any other range made. It bakes everything just right. It is for sale at Mr. Kimbrell's store, and Mr. Kimbrell sells the best goods on our market and of course he would not have anything else but a first class range. I will close by wishing you good luck in selling your ranges. I am 9 years old. My birthday is the 17th of August.

Your little friend,
Kate McLaughlin.

Fort Mill, S. C., Feb. 1, 1916.

Majestic Range Salesman:

1. My mother has no range. 2. Mrs. H. J. Patterson and Mrs. B. W. Bradford are in need of new ranges. 3. She considers the Majestic the best on earth, it bakes best and it cooks best, because it does more work with less fuel. 4. I am seven years of age. 5. My birthday is April 28th.

Azalie Harky.

KIMBRELL'S, "Where Quality Reigns"



"You will soon be well. You have the Best medicine from the Best Drug Store" Little Trained Nurse

This community is fortunate in having scientific physicians who know how to diagnose and prescribe.

We are also fortunate in having in this town pharmacists in a drug store who KNOW HOW to fill your prescriptions.

Come to us for your medicines and drug store things, and you have come to the right place.

Hutchinson's Pharmacy,

Prescriptions a Specialty.

Just Received Fresh Shipment

Huggins' Bonbons and Chocolates

Parks Drug Company,